

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2609
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2003
SEZ IN KARNATAKA
C. SREENVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have received the comprehensive State Policy on Special Economic Zones submitted by the Government of Karnataka as per requirement under the SEZ policy;
- (b) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to accord full-fledged approval for Hassan Special Economic Zone for which the Union Government had granted 'in principle' approval;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Union Government on the request of the State Government in this respect;
- (d) whether the State has also requested the Union Government to accord in principle approval for setting up of Coastal SEZs in three locations i.e. Mangalore, Padubidri and Agsur with private sector initiatives; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this respect?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The request of the State Government for granting formal approval for Hassan Special Economic Zone (SEZ) was considered by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on SEZ in its meeting held on 30th July, 2003 and the Committee decided to recommend granting of formal approval to Hassan SEZ.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The request of the State Government was considered by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on SEZ in its meeting held on 30th July, 2003. After discussions, as suggested by the State Government and the Developer, the Committee decided to recommend 'in-principle' approval for setting up of SEZ at Mangalore.